

## **SB 6083 - DIGEST**

Finds that: (1) Transportation is a central component to the economic development and prosperity of Washington state. An effective transportation system is fundamental to business development, job growth, and economic security. It is therefore in the public's interest to efficiently and safely facilitate the movement of people and freight along Washington state's transportation corridors.

(2) The state's transportation needs are substantial and immediate. The Blue Ribbon Commission on Transportation recognized these needs in its December 2000 recommendation for immediate action to solve the state's transportation crisis.

(3) Current sources of revenue do not adequately address the state's transportation needs. The cost of construction, maintenance, operation, and preservation of the state's transportation corridors continues to increase, while the revenue from the state's motor vehicle fuel tax remains constant.

(4) Investments into the state's transportation infrastructure must keep pace with the state's growth. Therefore, the legislature intends to increase the motor vehicle fuel tax by one cent each year over the next twenty years.

(5) Projects funded by both state and local contributions best maximizes state and regional investments. Joint participation on the state and regional level is required in order to successfully complete significant transportation improvement projects in a timely and efficient manner.

(6) Accountability and efficiency are critical elements in the allocation and expenditure of state funds. The transportation commission is uniquely situated to oversee the progress of transportation improvements and report back to the legislature.